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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1774

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SOMALI VISAS

REF: STATE 68179

1. WE FORESEE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY STEMMING FROM AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S REFTTEL NEWS THAT SOMALI EMBASSY WILL VISA ONLY DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS FROM NOW UNTIL COMPLETION OF OAU CONFERENCES IN MID-JUNE. EMBASSY AWARE OF SEVERAL PROPOSED TRIPS BY USG PERSONNEL WHO MAY BE HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL RATHER THAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. THERE PROBABLY OTHERS WHO WILL FALL IN THIS CATEGORY. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET MOFA APPROVAL IN SPECIFIC CASES, BUT CANNOT BE TOO SANGUINE GIVEN MOFA/NSS LACK OF COOPERATION IN PAST.

2. SPECIFICALLY, EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED NOTE TO MOFA REQUESTING VISA FOR C&R ROVER BLACKBURN TO REVISIT MOGADISCIO (A) DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE TO ASSIST IN COVERAGE OF OAU CONFERENCES, AND (B) JULY 1-21 TO COVER C&R LEAVE. WE ALSO REQUESTING MOFA TO AUTHORIZE SOMALI EMBASSY NAIROBI TO ISSUE VISA FOR TDY REPLACEMENT WHILE SECRETARY GORMLEY TAKES LEAVE APRIL 28-MAY 26.

3. PROSPECTIVE USG TRAVELERS WHO WILL REQUIRE VISAS FROM SOMALI EMBASSY WASHINGTON INCLUDE: OPIC OFFICER COLE WHO EXPECTED TDY

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HERE IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTANT TRANSFER OF PRODMA ASSETS FROM

USG TO GSDR (MOGADISCIO 0464); REPLACEMENT FOR ONE MSG (STAFFORD);
AND, KERKSTRA, REPLACEMENT FOR TCU EMPLOYEE DOMBROWSKY
(NICOSIA 519). REQUEST DEPARTMENT KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF
PROGRESS ON ISSUANCE THESE VISAS.
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